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ROOSEVELT PICKED BY PEARY TO HEAD POLAR EXPEDITION

Said to Be Familiar With Conditions and in Sympathy.

SAYS DISCOVERY WOULD BE EASY

Logical Time, Says Explorer, to Discover South Pole.

In an indirect way, though in a manner to be neither misinterpreted nor misunderstood, Commander Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, today picked former President Roosevelt as the man to lead the proposed American expedition to discover its antithesis, the South

In a statement given to a reporter for The Washington Times this afternoon, Commander Peary announced specifically and unequivocally, that he would not lead such an expedition himself and incidentally mentioned Mr. Roosevelt's name as that of a man being familiar with the general antarctic situation and a man, whose sympathies are entirely in favor of any movement of exploration in that direction.

PEARY MAKES REPLY.

When asked explicitly if he meant that he (Commander Peary) urged Mr. Roosevelt as the man to lead such an expedition or selected him as the ideal leader of such a project, Commander Peary smiled significantly, as he replied:

"Well, of course, I am not responsible for any inferences you or any one else may draw upon the

"The fact is," he continued, "I sent a communication a year ago last May to the International Polar Commission, then assembled at Brussels. In that communication I dealt at length upon the practicability and the advisability of proceeding with an American expedition to the antarctic regions.

Promotes Expedition.

ended to the letter in a form which in a legal sense we might call a caveat, I said I purposed to make an specifically that I should not undertake the field myself or lead the expedition

"I also stated," continued Commande familiar with the project in general and proval. My position since then has not

Psychological Moment.

"Of course," Commander Peary wen on, "I cannot interfere with any inte Roosevelt is to lead such an expedition the leader for the expedition, but I can

"The truth of the matter is." Con psychological moment for the Antarctic Major General Wood As- Powers of Europe May Step now is the time, and now is the only

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WEATHER REPORT.

The temperature has risen throughout the Eastern and Southeastern States, and it has fallen decidedly in the regions west of the Mississippi River, except in the extreme Northwest.

The winds along the New England coast will be moderate variable, becoming brisk and possibly high north and northwest late tonight; on the middle Atlantic coast moderate southerly, shifting to brisk and possibly high northwesterly by Friday morning; on the south Atlantic coast moderate southerly, shifting to brisk west and northwest Friday; on the east Gulf coast moderate southerly, shifting to northwesterly and becoming brisk and high over western.

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By Major Falson-Headquarters and Second Battalion Second Infantry, March 19 and 19; Second Battalion First Infantry, March 9 and 10; Second Battalion First Infantry, March 10 and 11; Third Battalion first Infantry, March 10 and 11; Third Battalion first Infantry, March 10 and 11; Third Battalion first Infantry, March 13; field and staff, First Separate Battalion, March 14 and 15; Third Battalion for War.

TIDE TABLE.

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A high official of the foreign office is authority for the statement that everything will be done to prevent day the first laffantry, March 11 and 12; first and Second Infantry bands, March 12 and 13; field and staff, First Separate Battalion, March 14 and 15; Third Battalion for the first laffantry, March 16 and 17; brigade headquarters and staff, First Separate Battalion, March 14 and 15; brigade headquarters and staff, First Separate Battalion for the first laffantry, March 16 and 17; brigade headquarters and staff, First Separate Battalion for the first laffantry for the statement that everything will be done to prevent day with the first laffantry for the sta

TEMPERATURE.

TIDE TABLE.
Today—High tide, 2:18 a. m. and 2:40 p.
Tomorrow—High tide, 3:97 a. m. and 3:19 p. m.; low tide, 9:30 a. m. and 10:27
p. m.

Figures in Boston Navy Yard Court-Martial

MISS MARGARET AMES AND ESCORT TALKING TO CAPTAIN HELM.

MISS VIRGINIA SWIFT, DAUGHTER OF COMMANDANT OF NAVY YARD.

Orders were received in Washington LONDON, Feb. 3.-Deepest chagrin is

oday from Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, manifested in the foreign office today

commanding the Department of the that the little island of Crete should

their examinations March 7, with the inspection of the headquarters and Sec-

signs Dates For Annual

Examination.

By Major Reber-Signal Corps Com-pany, March 18 and 19. pany, March 18 and 19.

By Captain Locke-First Battery Field for Artillery, March 15 and 16

Save 24 tin tags from Piper Heidsleck

made.-Advt.

SLAND OF CRETE

In To Prevent Turko-

Greek Clash.



Dr. ANSEY H. ROBNETT, Who Faces Court-Martial Next Week

tenant Governor Causes Alarm.

ned attempts made on the lives of duct toward Dr. Cowles

have taken to the assassination of officials.

Previous attempts have been made on the lives of Lord Minto, the vice-roy; Sir Andrew Fraser, Lord Kitchener, formerly military governor of India, and others. Several minor officials have been slain.

Major Leonard received telegraphic orders from Washington today directing that to act as counsel for Dr. Robnett when his trial begins.

CORPORATIONS NEED East, assigning officers for the inspec- again have been the cause of a dispute tion of the militia of the District of between Turkey and Greece, that may columbia under the terms of the Dick call for concerted action on the part of militia law, and directing them to begin the other powers to prevent an open

ond Battalion of the Second Infantry. Major Samson L. Faison, Twentyfourth Infantry, will inspect the infantry organizations; Major Samuel Reber, Signal Corps, the medical department and hospital corps, and Capt. Morris E. Signat Corps, the medical Morris E. and hospital corps, and Capt. Morris E. Locke, Third Field Artillery, the First been called to revise the fundamental

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FURTHER SCANDAL MAY FOLLOW TRIAL

Delay in Ordering Auld Court-Martial Arouses Naval Set.

BOSTON, Feb. 3.-No matter what the utcome of the Auld-Robnett courtmartial may be, it is declared here today there is likely to be trouble for certain persons high up in the Navy De-

The allegations made on the witness stand by Mrs. Cowles, wife of the docor, complainant against the two young naval officers, that it was necessary for her to call upon Senator Lodge to use his influence with the Navy Department before Secretary Meyer would order a court-martial and prevent the "whitewashing" as she termed it, of both officers, has aroused naval circles, and it is expected that a feud has been begun which will have ramification in every navy yard in the service, as well as in the Navy Department in Washington.

Joseph Auld, father of the accuse paymaster, made it very plain today that in case of an adverse decision by he court he will demand that the Secre tary of the Navy open before finally approving the verdict.

Latest Attempt to Kill Lieu- of what he terms a plot against his son The elder Auld is indignant because by certain women of the naval set, and he wastes no words in denouncing "meddlers," as he terms them.

Justification Expected.

In summing up for his friend, the ac CALCUTTA, India, Feb. 3.-The cused paymaster, when the court re English authorities in command in In-lia are alarmed today over the con-

He is also expected to justify Auld's The latest attempt occurred at a small village in Eastern Bengal, where Sir Andrew Fraser, the lieuten-

NOT FEAR TAX BILL

President Says Publicity Feature Guards Vital Statistics.

peration tax bill will not endanger

GAS TRUST "MELON" MAY BE CUT SOON AT USERS' EXPENSE

Plans Said to Have Been Made to Issue Five Million Dollars in New Securities Without Additional Investment.

SEEKING TO UTILIZE ENORMOUS SURPLUS

Distribution May Be in Shape of Cash to Holders of Stocks and Bonds, Or It May Take Shape of New Bond Issue.

The biggest and juiciest "melon" ever cut in the securities of a Washington public service corporation, is due to be carved at the annual meeting of the Washington Gas Company on Monday next, according to persistent and wellauthenticated reports in local investment circles.

Just about \$5,000,000 of new securities are to be issued if the plan now outlined is carried out; and this burden of \$5,000,000 of new capitalization will be loaded upon Washington's users of gas, without the investment of an additional dollar in the property of the company.

TRYS LONG TO FIND LOOPHOLE.

For years the Gas Monopoly has been trying to figure a loophole in the old law, or induce Congress to pass a new law, that would permit the capitalization of the immense surplus which excessive prices of gas have enabled the company to accumulate.

Nobody knows how great this surplus is today. The Gas Company is compelled under the present law to make an annual statement to Congress; but these statements are so mysterously arranged that they defy all effort to determine anything about the real financial status of the

No man has yet been able to determine from the reports what the company is earning or what it does with its profits.

STATEMENTS ARE UNINTELLIGIBLE.

Two years ago, The Washington Times submitted one of these statements to a noted New York accounting firm, with the request for an analysis and explanation and an understandable statement of the business status of the company. The experts gave it up, returning the statement with the explanation that no man lived who, without access to the books of the company, could make anything out of such a report.

In truth, the very men who had that reporting provision put into the law, have admitted repeatedly that the reports were worse than worthless, because they have so hopelessly befogged the atmosphere.

PLANS TO DISTRIBUTE BONDS.

At any rate, the Gas Monopoly, in defiance of the intent of the law, but, its insiders believe, without violation of its letter, is planning to make a distribution of new bonds, first to take up the present issue of \$600,000 of bonds, and after that to distribute among the present stockholders. It is stated that if the plan goes through, the distribution will be equal to 133 1-3 per cent of present outstanding securities.

where Sir Andrew Fraser, the lieutenant governor, was to pay an official visit. A short time before his arrival, the police discovered planted there a bomb, with electrical exploding apparatus, which had been prepared to kill the official. Only by the merest chance was the bomb discovered and the plot foiled. The Indians admit that England gives them as good government as possible, but they claim it is their right to govern themselves. Armed resistance having proved futile, they have taken to the assassination of officials. Previous attempts have been made. The Indians admit that England gives them as good government as possible, but they claim it is their right to govern themselves. Armed resistance having proved futile, they have taken to the assassination of officials. Previous attempts have been made.

License Tax.

District.

Their reason for such action is exto Representative Samuel W. Smith, inflation under it, The Washington

The holder of \$100 in gas stock will, this plan goes through, retain his stock but get a huge slice of the new bonds handed to him as a gratuity. It will not cost him a cent.

Some of the large stockholders de-BY COMMISSIONERS Some of the large stockholders declare positively that the plans are perfected for the melon-cutting, that the necessary resolution has been drawn, and that the stockholders will be asked to approve it at the meeting on Mon-

> The legal difficulties of this fine dis tribution have kept the counselors of the company busy for years.

Three yeas ago they set about under the law of June 6, 1896, to have the Baseball, in the opinion of the heads courts make a physical valuation of the of the District government, should be plant of the company, with the purpose recouraged.

The Commissioners today forwarded of issuing new stock up to the full Congress an unfavorable report on the viuation as thus shown That law had bill recently introduced by Representa- been passed by Congress at the intive Coudrey of Missouri to increase the license tax on baseball grounds in the license tax on baseball grounds in the